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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
February 16, 2010**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Kirsch, and Wortman; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; DeDe Rhodes

REPORTS

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of the January expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder's office.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 2/17 Center for Mental Health - Helena - noon
JLDC - 2:00
- 2/18 Tri-County Planning Meeting - Sheridan - 8:00
Whitehall Community Development board - 7:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Tax Increment Finance District advisory board met for the first time on the 10th. Janet Cornish gave a presentation to bring everyone up to speed on what they will be dealing with.

MONTANA TUNNELS ADVISORY GROUP

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he also attended the MTAG meeting on the 10th. The three principles of the company that bought Montana Tunnels and the Elkhorn Mine were in attendance to talk about their plans. They have nothing solid as far as financing, but they are looking at a variety of options including some financing that might be available through the

governor's office. They feel pretty confident that they can get things going in Elkhorn within the next several months. With Tunnels, their goal is to start milling in 14-16 months which would mean that get up and running fairly quickly as they have almost a year of lay-back in M pit to get down to the ore. They are pretty confident, pretty positive and have talked to several banks.

COUNTY INSURANCE

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Commissioners met with Anna Cossel on Thursday to discuss the County's insurance. Rates are increasing 5% on property insurance.

BORDEN'S

Commissioner Wortman reported that on the 9th he attended a meeting in Whitehall put on by the JLDC. They recently purchased the old Borden's building, and had the community meeting to get input on a use for the building. They have hired someone to clean it out and will be auctioning off the contents.

BOYD ANDREW

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday he attended the Boyd Andrew board meeting. They spent a good amount of time discussing the cuts made by the Department of Corrections. DOC manages 1400 beds in Montana and proposes to cut 8, all of them slated for the Elkhorn Treatment Center.

CTAC

Commissioner Wortman reported that on the 11th he attended the CTAC meeting in Whitehall. They discussed the business park and locating a pavilion at the park and in the town of Whitehall. They feel that they will be ready to have businesses located in the park in the near future.

LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday night he attended the Library Board meeting. They spent a lot of time discussing options for the north end. A subcommittee had been meeting for about two years to come up with options for library services in the north end. The subcommittee recommendation was to refurbish the building in Clancy and possibly purchase land and build a library in Montana City. Those in attendance from the public were not impressed with the idea to build another library in Montana City. The Library Board voted to make an offer to purchase the building in Clancy for \$20,000.

BIO-MASS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Tuesday he attended a bio-mass meeting at the City Hall in Boulder. Representatives from the BLM, Forest Service, as well as a number of engineers, Steve and Gary Marks, were in attendance to try to come up with an idea of how to utilize the biomass that will be coming off of private, state, federal lands. Stone Container has shut down, which has caused a lot of problems. There is a company in Georgia that will take clean materials in large amounts if they can find a way to economically get it down there. Also, Steve Marks has gotten a huge chipper that can do a 20-inch in a matter of seconds. One of the thoughts is, if

there are other chippers in the area, to get them together in one location and have the trees brought in a chipped. The problem with the idea of a generation system is that the power that it would generate would cost more than NorthWest Energy's power. So, even though the government is currently subsidizing these projects, there is no idea how long that will last. Also, but the time that the generation system could be obtained, the fuels could be gone.

ELKHORN WORKING GROUP

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on the 11th he attended the Elkhorn Working Group meeting in Helena. He stated that it was a very interesting meeting. Some people from the lime mine gave a presentation on their operation. The operation got into a plant that deer use for winter forage, and they are working to get plants re-introduced and re-established.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

RESOLUTION 05-2010 SETTING BURNING SEASON

Commissioner Wortman read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 05-2010 ESTABLISHING BURNING SEASON

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2205, MCA, provides that the county governing body may, at its discretion, establish fire seasons annually, during which time no person may ignite or set any forest fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris burning fire, or open fire within the County protection areas on any forest, range or cropland without having obtained an official written permit to ignite or set such fire from the recognized protection agency for that protection area; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2206, MCA, provides that any person who ignites or sets any forest fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris burning fire, or open fire within the County protection areas on any forest, range or croplands without having obtained an official written permit to ignite or set such fire is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed six (6) months, or both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners establish the 2010-2011 fire season for Jefferson County from the date of this resolution to February 28, 2011. During the period from March 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010, a person must obtain a permit from Jefferson County before igniting any fire referred to above. Any burning during the period from December 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, an

additional permit must be obtained from the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality authorizing burning during that period. This additional documentation must be presented to the recognized issuing agency for Jefferson County before a permit may be issued. Burning Permits can be written for a one (1) year period, but the permittee must call the appropriate dispatch center each time before burning. Permits are available at the following locations:

Marks-Miller Post and Pole
15 Lump Gulch Rd.
Clancy, MT 59634

Montana City Store
1 Jackson creek Rd.
Montana City, MT 59634

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
110 S Washington
Boulder, MT 59632

Whitehall Town Hall
PO Box 539
Whitehall, MT 59759

DATED this 16th day of February, 2010.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

DAVE KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER

LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Wortman moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Sherry Carlson to the Museum Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Gerry Keogh, David Leitheiser, Paul Smith and Bob

Eide to the Planning Board. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to reappoint Randi Levin to the Fair Board. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Kay Bills-Kazimi to the Health Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Shane Powell to the Boulder TV Board. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Tresa Larson to the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Ike Jessee to the DUI Task Force. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Tresa Larson to the Boulder Mosquito Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Bob Sims to the Boulder Valley Mosquito Board. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Cory Fitzgerald to the Weed Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Tom Jenkin to the Whitehall Mosquito Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from Mayor Craft stating that Kyle Brulla had been appointed as the City of Boulder's representative to the County Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Lythgoe move to appoint Kyle Brulla to the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

APPOINT BASIN FIRE TRUSTEE

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from the trustees of the Basin Trustee Board stating that MJ Williams had resigned the board and requesting that Brian Gasch be appointed to fill the remainder of her term.

DeDe Rhodes, vice president of the Basin VFD, stated that she has meet with Brian. He is very interested in the position, as well as a good listener, which she feels is very important for the position. He attended the February meeting and did an excellent job of getting involved. She would highly recommend him for the Board of Trustees. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to appoint Brian Gasch as a replacement for MJ Williams on the Basin Fire Board of Trustees. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

CANCEL THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that all of the Commissioners will be in Great Falls attending the MACo Mid-Winter meeting the following week. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to cancel the meeting of February 23. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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